

b.) Amendments to the claims:

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Claims 1-20 (canceled).

21 (amended):        A rest for an elongate article as herein described with reference to figures 1 & 2, figures 3 to 5 or figures 3 to 8 comprising a unitary body member having a base flanked by a pair of substantially coplanar flanges; an extension unitarily joined to and projecting beyond one of said flanges; said extension ~~being configured~~ having an open-ended notch therein for removably receiving said article and disabling unintentional movement of such article in each of two opposite directions relative to said extension along a path but permitting unrestricted movement of such article relative to said extension in a direction transversely of said path, each of said flanges having at least one slot therein; and clamping means removably accommodated in the slots of said flanges for removably clamping said ~~rest~~ body member atop a support~~[[,]]~~ with said extension projecting upwardly from said one of said flanges in a direction away from such support.

22 (previously presented):    The rest according to claim 21 wherein said support is arcuate and said body member has a concave base for confronting and seating on said support.

23 (previously presented):    The rest according to claim 22 wherein said ~~extension has a V-shaped notch~~ is V-shaped therein in which said article removably may be accommodated.

24 (amended):        The rest according to claim 21 wherein said clamping means comprises at least one flexible tie member of such length as to encircle said support and said base.

25 (previously presented): The rest according to claim 21 wherein said clamping means comprises a pair of clamp members coupled to said body member via said slots and extending therefrom in substantially parallel, spaced apart condition, the space between said clamp members being sufficient to accommodate said support between said clamp members.

26 (previously presented): The rest according to claim 25 including adjusting means reacting between said clamp members for adjusting the space therebetween.

27 (amended): The rest according to claim 26 including an arm, connecting means connecting said arm at one end thereof to one of said clamp members, and means at the opposite end of said arm for supporting one end of said elongate article.

28 (amended): The rest according to claim 27 wherein said connecting means includes said adjusting means.

29 (amended): The rest according to claim 27 wherein said arm is composed of multiple sections relatively extensible and retractable longitudinally of said arm, and latch means reacting between said sections for releasably latching said sections in any selected one of a number of adjusted positions.

30 (amended): The rest according to claim 29 wherein said latch means comprises a plurality of openings in one of said sections and a projection carried by an adjacent one of said sections for movement into and out of any selected one of said openings.

31 (previously presented): A rest for an elongate fishing rod comprising a body member; a pair of confronting clamp members spaced apart a distance to accommodate a support therebetween; a first extension unitarily joined to and projecting in one direction away from said body member and having a notch therein for removably accommodating an intermediate portion of said rod; means coupling said body member and said confronting clamp members for rocking movements relative to the body member; and adjusting means reacting between said clamp members for rocking said clamp members relative to said body member and varying the space between said clamp members.

32 (amended): The rest according to claim 31 including a second extension, connecting means connecting said second extension to one of said clamp members, said second extension extending in a direction away from said first extension, and means carried by said second extension for removably accommodating another portion of said rod.

33 (amended): The rest according to claim 32 wherein said body member has openings therein, said coupling means comprising projections carried by said clamp members and rockably accommodated in openings in said body.

34 (amended): The rest according to claim 32 wherein said second extension includes a plurality of relatively adjustable sections, and latch means for releasably maintaining said sections in any selected one of a number of adjusted positions.

35 (amended): The rest according to claim 32 wherein said

means for removably accommodating another portion of said rod comprises a socket.

36 (amended): The rest according to claim 32 wherein said connecting means and said adjusting means are the same.

37 (previously presented): A fishing rod rest adapted to be clamped on a part of a boat comprising:

a body member having a base flanked by a pair of substantially coplanar flanges, each of which has at least one slot therein;

a pair of substantially parallel clamp members spaced from one another a distance to accommodate therebetween at least a portion of said part of said boat;

coupling means carried by each of said clamp members and extending through said slots for rockably coupling said clamp members to said body member with said body member bridging said clamp members;

a first extension unitarily joined to one of the flanges of said body member and projecting therefrom in a direction away from said body member;

said first extension having a notch therein of such size as removably to accommodate a portion of said rod; and

adjusting means spanning said clamp members and operable to adjust the space between said clamp members thereby enabling said clamp members to be clamped to and unclamped from said part of said boat.

38 (amended): The fishing rod rest according to claim 37 including a second extension, second coupling means coupling said second extension to one of said

clamp members, said second extension extending in a direction away from said body member and generally opposite the direction in which said first extension projects from said body member, and means carried by said second extension for removably accommodating another portion of said rod.

39 (amended):           The rest according to claim 38 wherein said second extension comprises a plurality of relatively adjustable sections, and releasable latch means for releasably maintaining said sections in a selected one of a number of adjusted positions.

40 (amended):           The rest according to claim 38 wherein said adjusting means and said second coupling means are the same.